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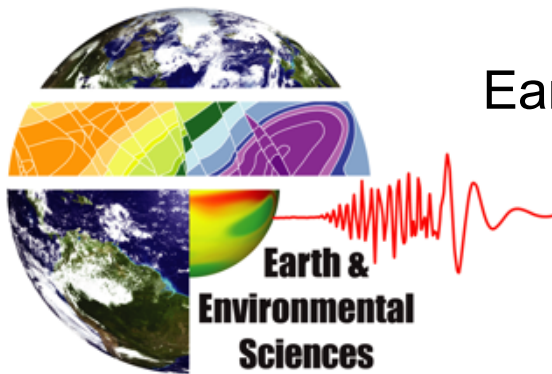
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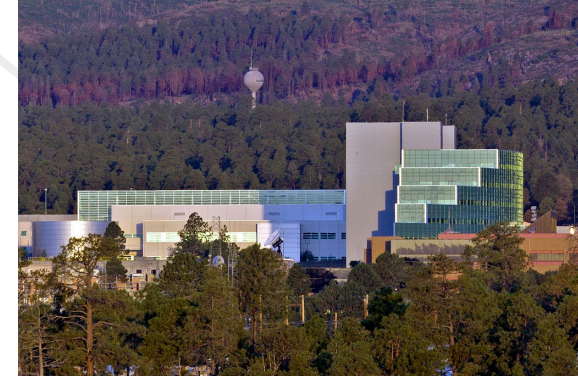


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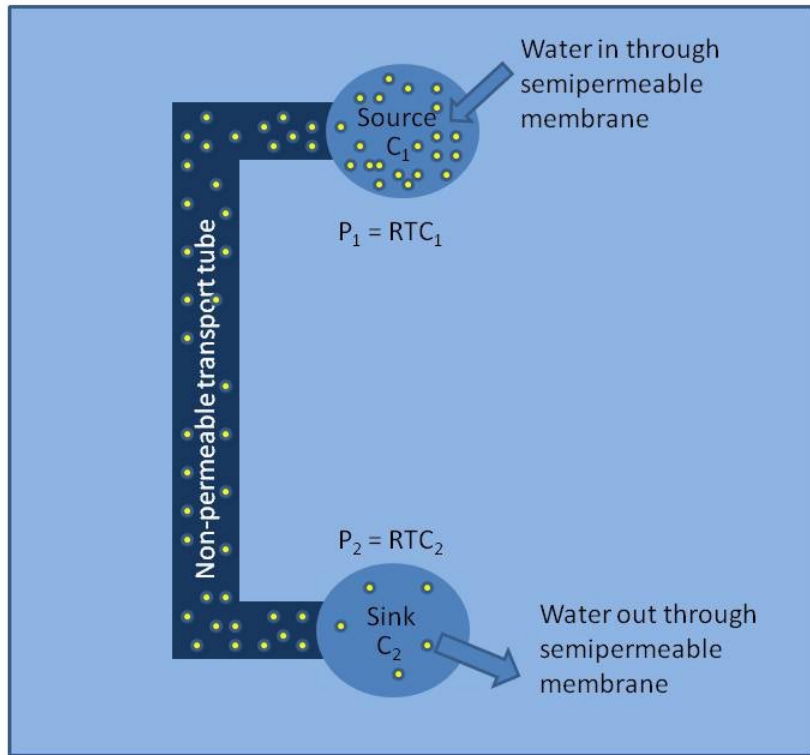


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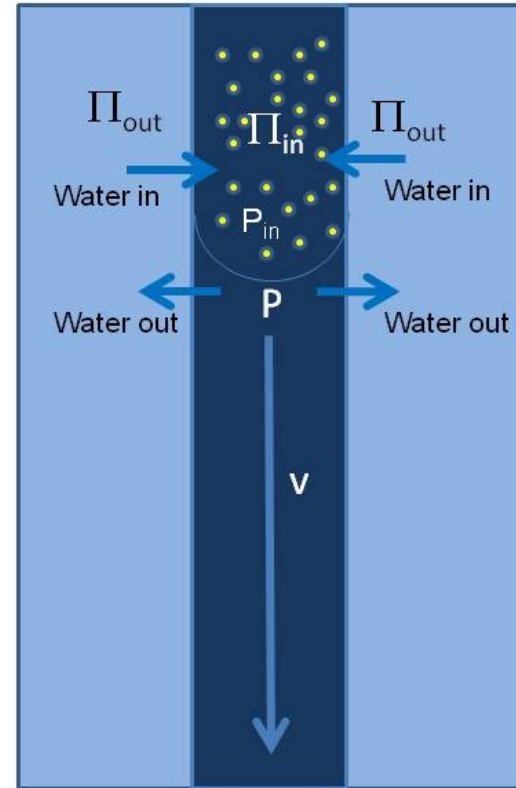
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# Different ways of building up phloem

## Non-permeable conduits walls



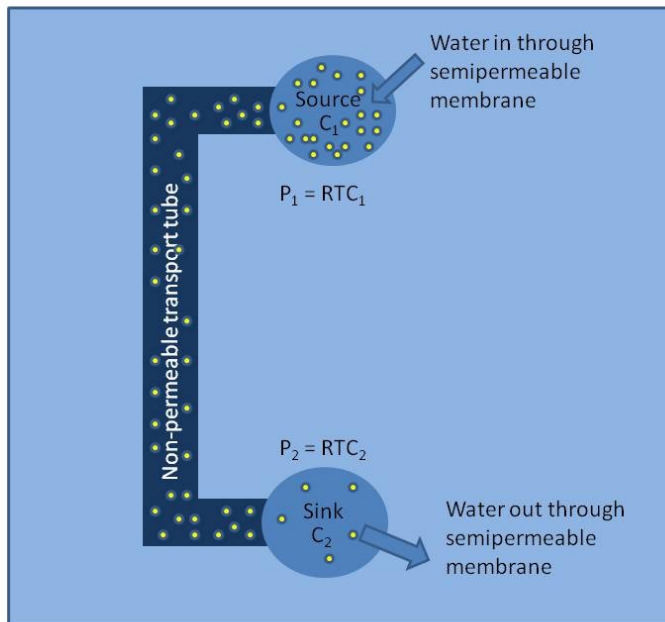
## Semi-permeable conduits walls



# Pros and cons

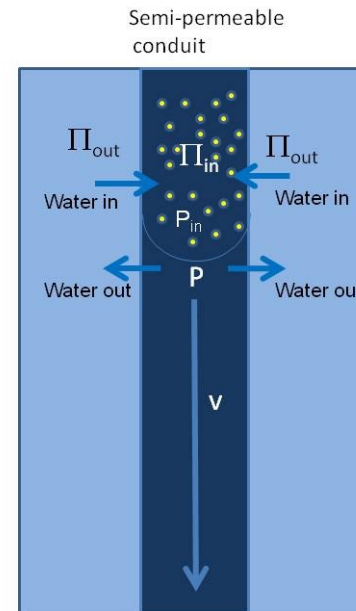
## Non-permeable conduits walls

- Phloem relatively isolated from the xylem
- Less prone to turgor loss during drought
- Flow driven by vertical pressure gradient



## Semi-permeable conduits walls

- Phloem well connected to it's surroundings
- Less prone to viscosity build-up during drought
- Flow driven by horizontal pressure gradient



# Münch number

Fluid viscosity according to Morison 2002

$$\eta = \eta_0 e^{\frac{a\Psi}{1-b\Psi}}$$

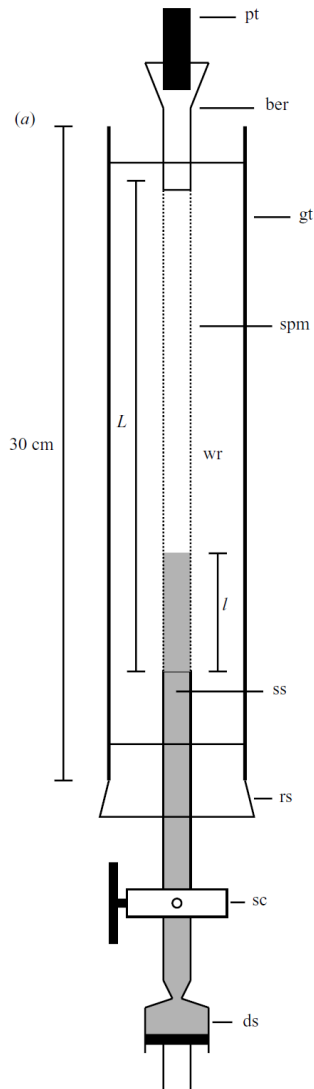
Radial permeability from  
Sevanto et al. 2011

$$Munch\ number = \frac{16\eta L^2 L_p}{r^3} = \frac{radial\ conductance}{axial\ conductance}$$

Jensen et al. 2009

Conduit size from x-ray  
tomography measurements

# Scalable experiments



Viscosity and permeability varied

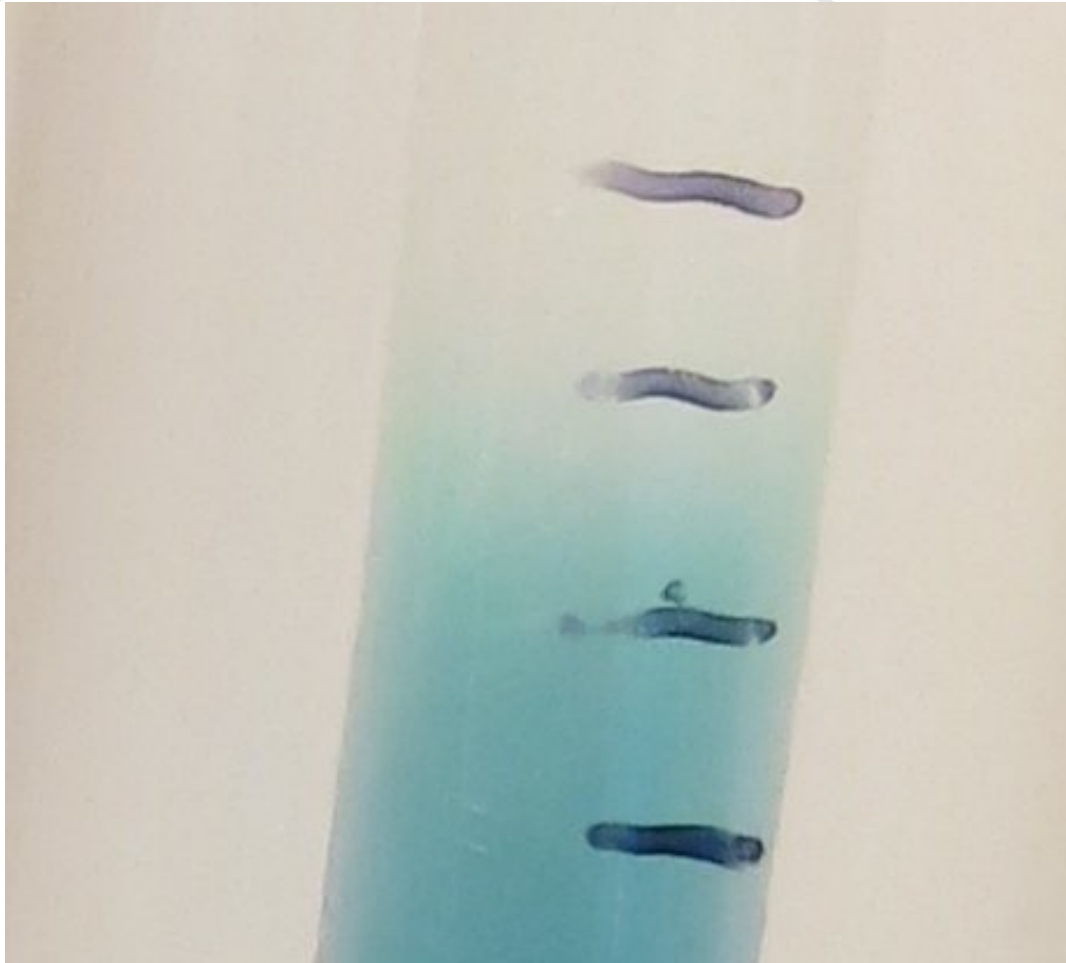
$$\text{Munch number} = \frac{16\eta L^2 L_p}{r^3}$$

Munch number range  $10^{-11} - 10^{-8}$

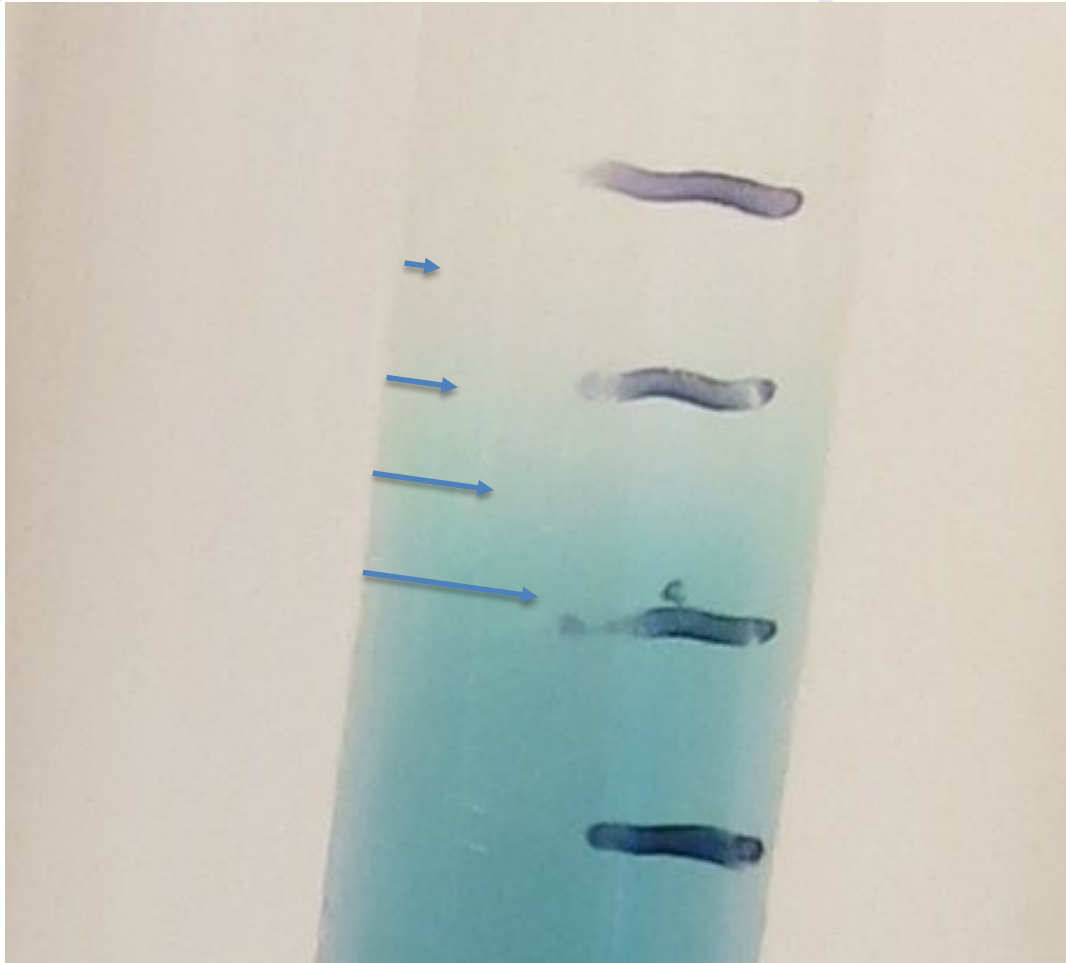
Membrane Thermo Fisher “Snake Skin” dialysis tube  
Diameter 16mm, length 40cm



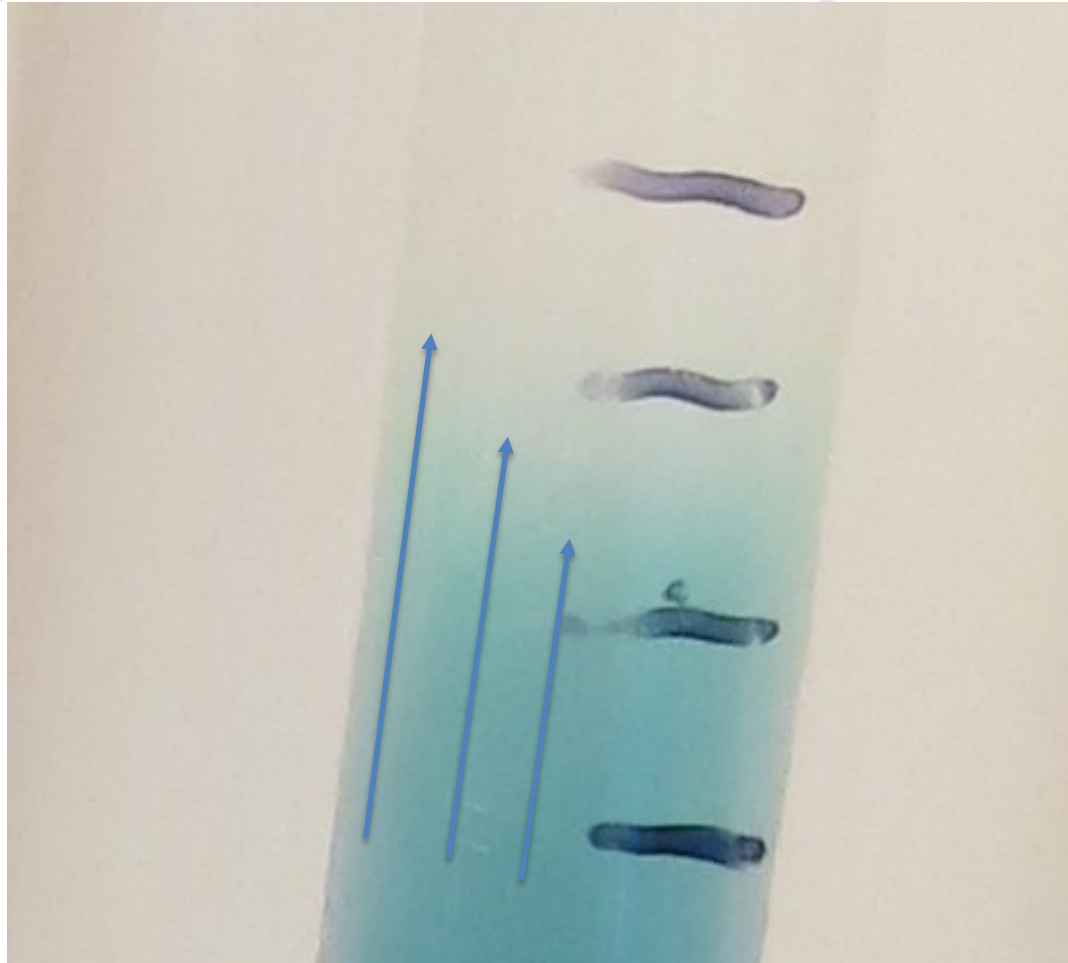
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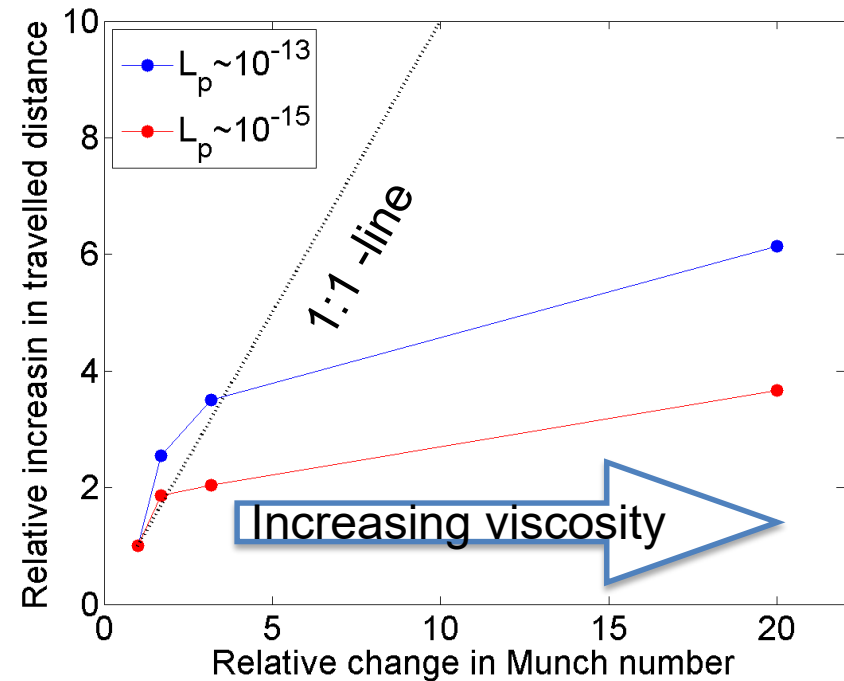
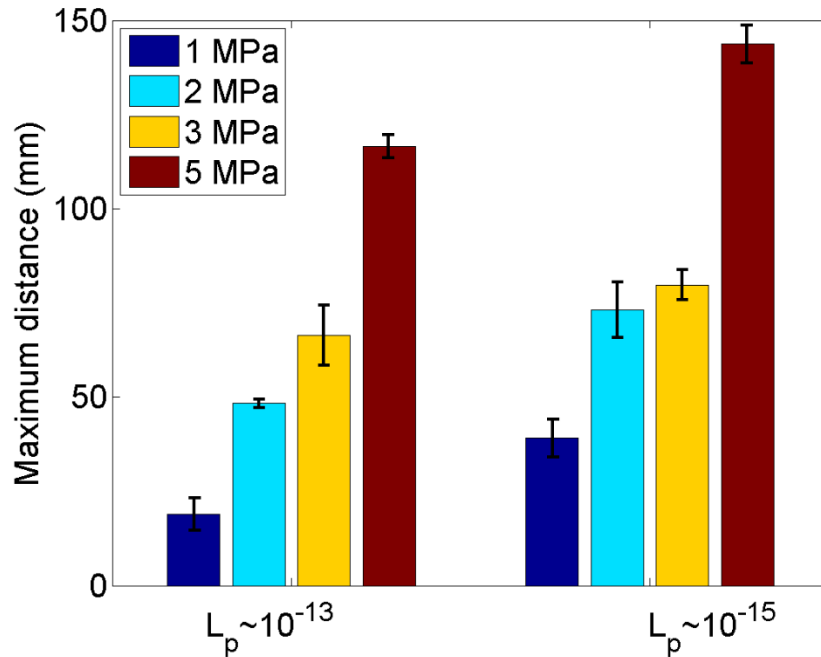
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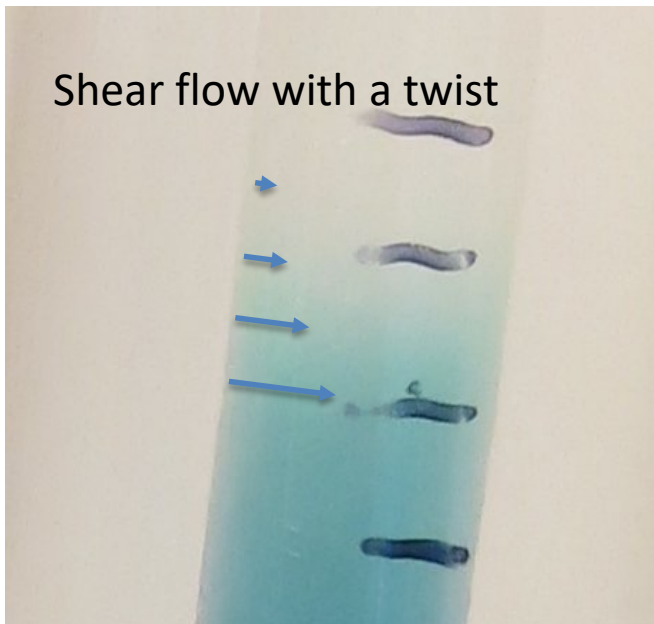
# What does radial flow do?



The more permeable the conduits, the more frequent “loading zones” need to be to maintain constant flow rate.

# What might radial in flow do?

**Taylor dispersion:** An effect in fluid mechanics where a shear flow can increase diffusivity of species.



Nakad M, Witelski T, Domec J-C, **Sevanto S**, Katul G. 2021. Taylor dispersion in osmotically driven laminar flows. *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* 913 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/jfm.2021.56>.

# What does radial flow do to Taylor dispersion?

- Instead of increasing the longitudinal transport like in non-permeable tubes, outcome depends on  $Pe_r$
- We need to consider high and low Munch number and high and low  $Pe_r$  separately

$$Pe = \frac{\text{advective transport}}{\text{diffusive transport}} = \frac{Lu}{D} = Re Sc$$

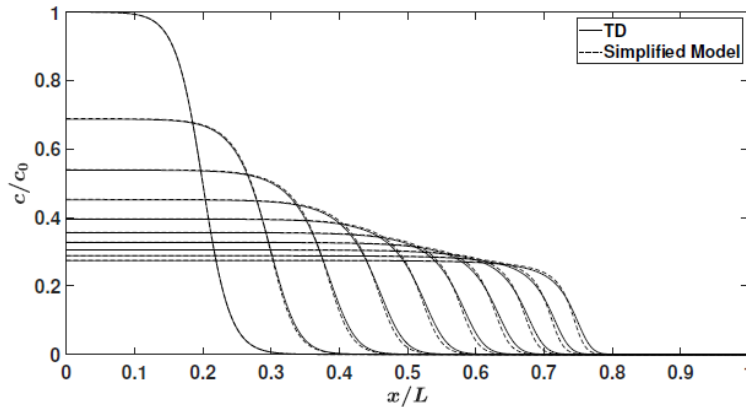
$L=2r$  for radial flow

Assumption:  $Re \ll 1$  but advective transport doesn't need to be small because  $Sc \gg 1$

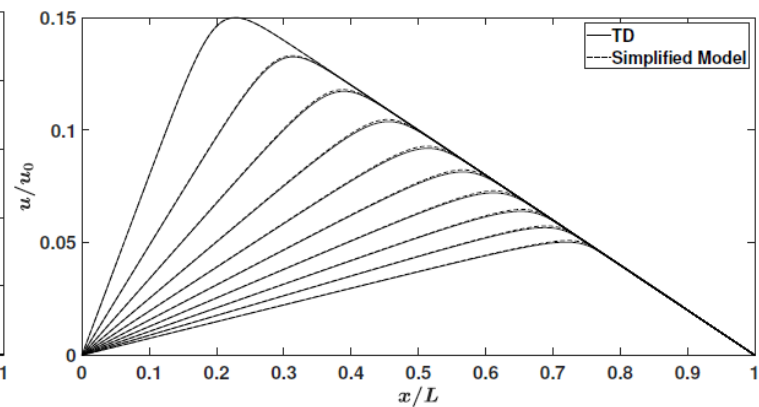
# Increased sugar flow rates

Low Munch number (low radial conductance)

Low  $Pe_r$   
Diffusion  
dominates

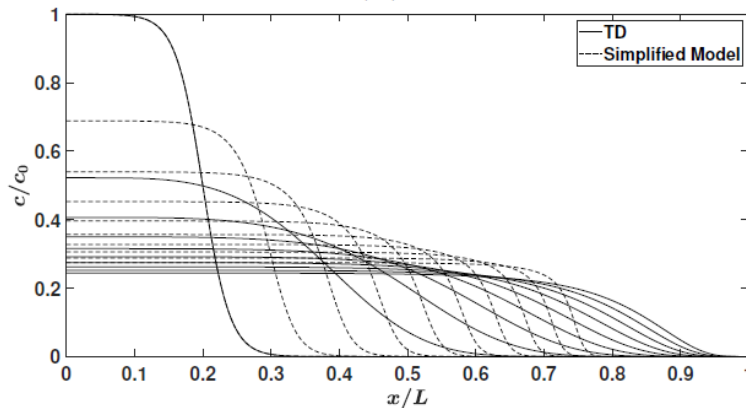


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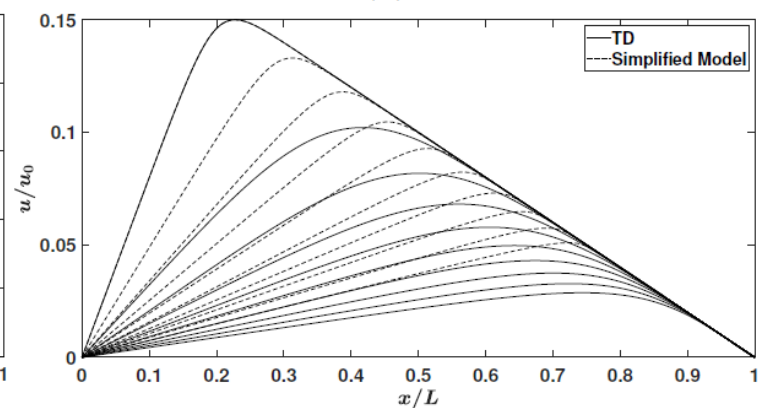


(b)

High  $Pe_r$   
Advection  
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(c)

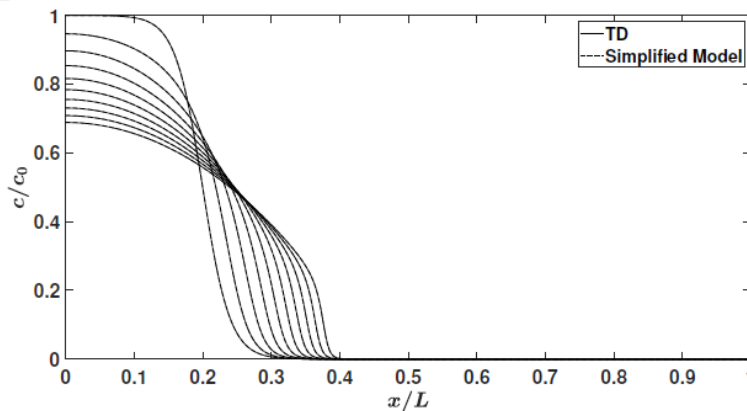


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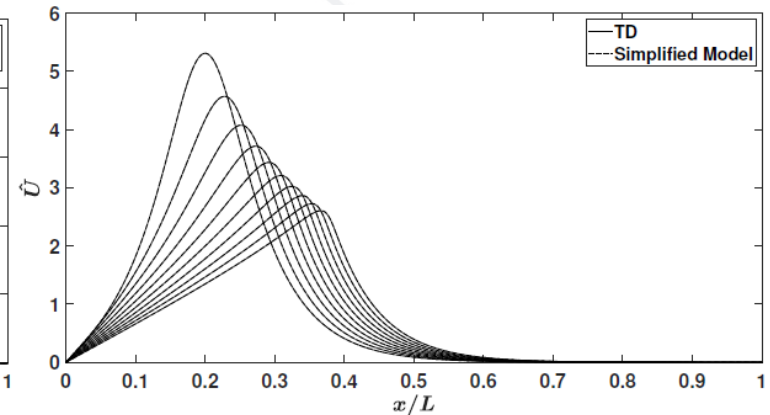
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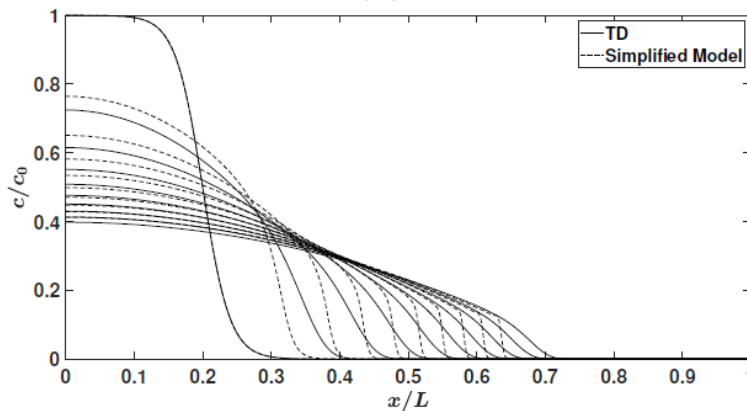


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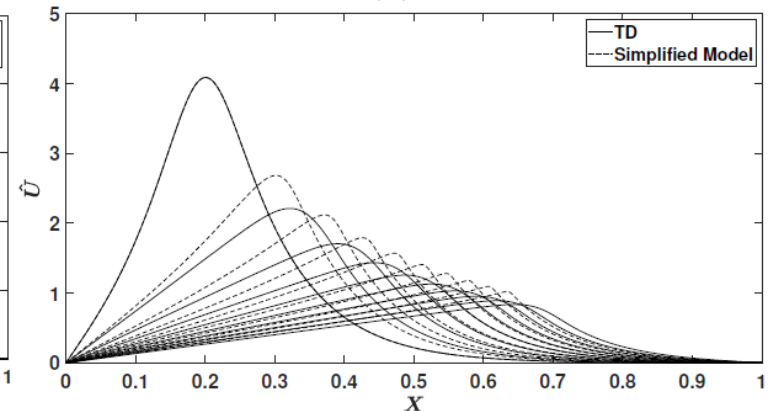


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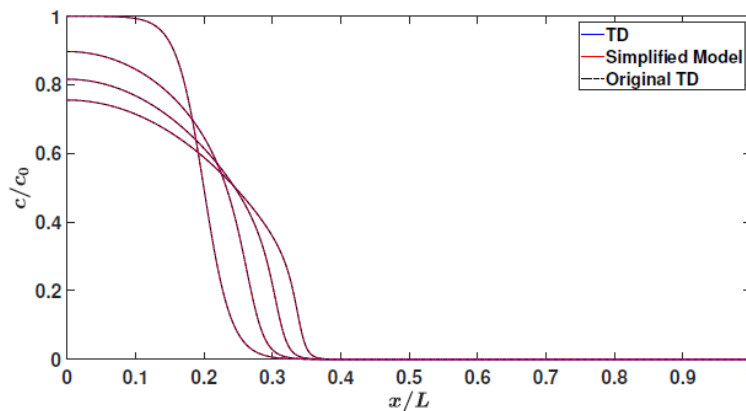


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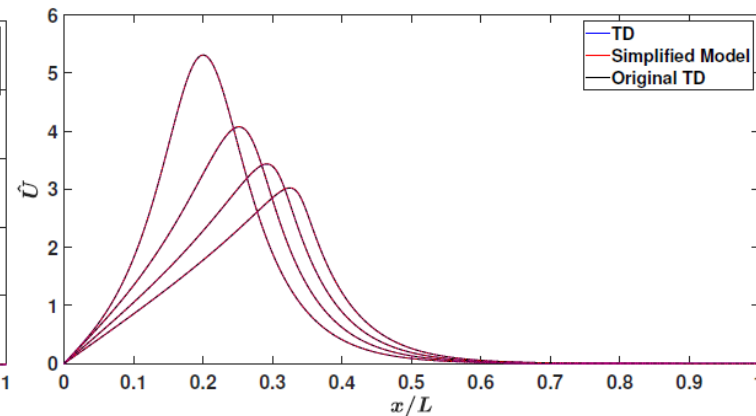


# If we assume that $v \ll u$ (Hagen-Poiseuille averaging) at high Munch number

Low  $Pe_r$   
Diffusion  
dominates

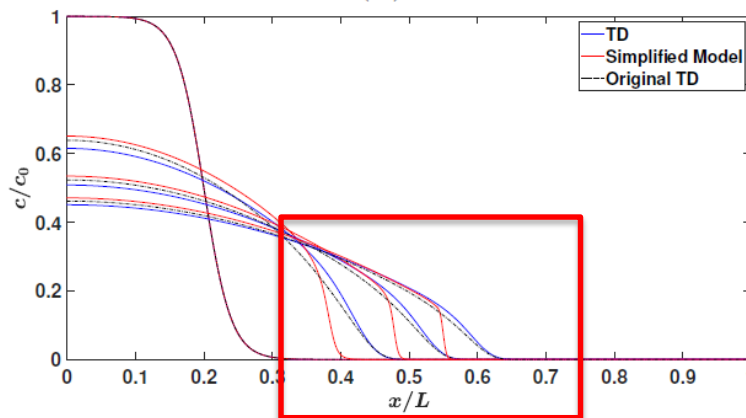


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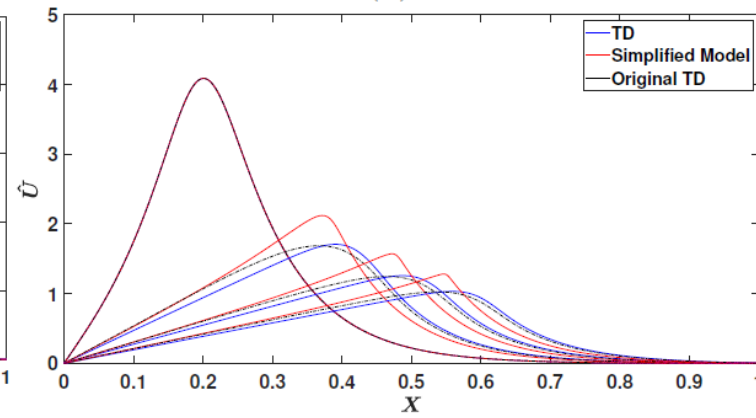


(b)

High  $Pe_r$   
Advection  
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(c)



(d)

# Comparison between Hagen-Poiseuille averaging, Taylor dispersion and experiments

Experimental runs from Jensen et al. 2009; M increases with run number

Sugar  
front  
position

